

National Mall & Memorial Parks – 2006 Bike Tours

National Park Service
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Join National Park Service Rangers every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00–4:00pm for FREE guided bike tours of the Nation's Capital.

Tours start from the Jefferson Memorial Plaza
(at the base of the Memorial steps.)

2006 Bike Tour Season

Every Saturday/Sunday
from Saturday, March 25 –
Sunday, November 26

Tour Topics

- Off the Beaten Path – Discover Lonely Landmarks
- History of the Mall – Cycle through the Stories
- People of DC – Famous Names, Amazing Stories
- DC's Wild Side – Explore Nature on the National Mall

NEW for 2006

• On this Date in History
Special One-of-a-Kind topics
that can only be experienced on
these historic anniversaries!

For a full schedule visit our website
www.nps.gov/nama - click on “Plan Your Visit”.

Contact Bike Program Coordinator –
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**All Riders MUST BRING Their
Own Helmet, Bike, and Water**

History of the Mall – Cycle through the Stories

The history of the National Mall is as diverse and fascinating as the history of our nation itself. How has this span of green space in the heart of the Nation's Capital altered over time? How has this area been influenced by great cultural, historical, and social events through time? See and hear how The National Mall has changed over time into what you experience today.

DC's Wild Side – Explore Nature on the National Mall

So you think fossils are on display only in museums? Did you know there are Cherry Trees older than much of the city? There is more to the National Mall than just monuments, memorials, and museums.

Washington, DC is home to many species of plant and animal life that help make the city beautiful. Washington is home to the world famous Cherry Trees found around the Tidal Basin while majestic elm trees line the entire length of the National Mall. Small fossils and even “fools gold” can be found in some of the stone that make up the memorials; if you know where to look! Let a Park Ranger show you the “Wild Side” of the National Mall.

Off the Beaten Path – Discover Lonely Landmarks

You may have seen them on a map, driven past them hundreds of times, or even walked up to one of them out of curiosity. What are they, who are they, and more importantly, why are they here? This is the story of Washington DC's lonely landmarks. These statues, urns, and symbolic gestures of friendship and remembrance can be found all over DC. Find out the stories of these lonely landmarks from our Rangers.

People of Washington – Famous Names, Amazing Stories

Get to know the people behind the city. See and hear how the influential personalities of Washington, DC have affected the city and how it has changed over time. Presidents, First Ladies, authors, famous and infamous characters alike have helped shape the history of Washington, DC. These are their stories.

On this Date in History

What do Presidential assassinations, Civil War battles, the sinking of the Titanic, the Burning of Washington, and the birthdays of engineers, inventors and landscape architects all have in common? They are at the heart of our newest Bike Tour topic – On this Date in History! These one-of-a-kind tours interpret the history of our more celebrated holidays and lesser known anniversaries as well. Come learn more about these extraordinary dates in history with National Park Service Rangers.

2006 Spring Bike Tour Schedule

March

Saturday 25 – Cherry Blossom Festival

Sunday 26 – Off the Beaten Path

April

Saturday 1 – Cherry Blossom Festival

Sunday 2 – History of the Mall

Saturday 8 – Cherry Blossom Festival

Sunday 9 – People of DC

Saturday 15 – On this Date in History – Death of Abraham Lincoln

Sunday 16^t – On this Date in History – The Sinking of the Titanic

Saturday 22 – DC's Wild side – Earth Day

Sunday 23 – Off the Beaten Path

Saturday 29 – History of the Mall

Sunday 30 – On this Date in History – Washington: Gateway to the West

May

Saturday 6 -- Off the Beaten Path

Sunday 7 -- On This Date in History – *Lusitanian sinks & the Road to WWI*

Saturday 13 -- History of the Mall

Sunday 14 -- People of DC - *Lewis and Clark Expedition begins*

Saturday 20 -- DC's Wild Side

Sunday 21 -- Literature Tour

Saturday 27 -- On This Date in History - *The Grand Review*

Sunday 28 -- On This Date in History - *The History of Memorial Day*